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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

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1. ICELAND UPS THE ANTE

THE BRITISH DCM HAS TOLD EMBASSY REYKJAVIK THAT ICELAND NOW DEMANDS ALL UK TRAWLERS BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIMED ICELANDIC FISHING ZONE, IN ADDITION TO THE FRIGATES WHICH BRITAIN WITHDREW TO GET TALKS UNDERWAY. THE DEMAND PLACES THE TALKS IN JEOPARDY SINCE:

--THE BRITISH CABINET, WHILE WISHING TO END THE DISPUTE, MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FACE THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ULTIMATUM; AND

--THE BRITISH FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO
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STOP FISHING FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME, ON THE CHANCE

THAT SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT CAN BE HAMMERED OUT.
(CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 114, 1/23.

2. CANADA SQUAWKS ABOUT GANDER LANDINGS BY CUBA

THE CANADIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TOLD EMBASSY

OTTAWA THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED IN JANUARY 21 AND REMINDED THAT ALL NON-SCHEDULED CUBAN FLIGHTS STOPPING IN GANDER MUST BE FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES. THE DISCUSSION WITH THE AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED DISCOVERY THAT CUBANA AIRCRAFT, APPARENTLY CARRYING HOSPITAL EVACUEES FROM ANGOLA, HAD MADE UNSCHEDULED LANDINGS AT GANDER JANUARY 13 AND 15.

--NO ANSWER HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED TO A CANADIAN REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES THAT FLIGHTS FOR NON-CIVILIAN PURPOSES NOT BE MADE.

--THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IS CONFIDENT THAT THE CUBANS WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THEIR RELATIONS WITH CANADA BY ANY REPETITION OF THE LANDINGS.

--PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAS BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT, BUT IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER HE PLANS TO MENTION IT DURING HIS MEETING WITH CASTRO.
(SECRET) OTTAWA 298, 280, 1/23.

3. ITALY: DC-PSI TALKS IN MOTO PERPETUO

MORO WAS SCHEDULED TO REPLY JANUARY 23 TO DE MARTINO'S LATEST SOCIALIST PROPOSAL ON A DC-PSI GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO DC SOURCES, THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT DEMAND ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION IN THE GOVERNING MAJORITY. EMBASSY ROME REPORTS THAT MORO, WHILE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DC-PSI LINKS, WILL OFFER A COMPLEX SET OF COUNTERPROPOSALS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 1223, 1/13.

4. MOROCCO: HASSAN AND THE RED MENACE

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IN A JANUARY 22 AUDIENCE WITH ADMIRAL TURNER AND AMBASSADOR NEUMANN, KING HASSAN REQUESTED HIS VIEWS ON THE SAHARAN QUESTION BE PASSED TO THE SECRETARY. WHILE EMPHASIZING THE SOVIET THREAT, THE KING WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ALGERIAN HOSTILITY.
HASSAN:

--FEARS THAT SOVIET SUCCESS IN ANGOLA WILL TEMPT
THE USSR TO TRY SIMILAR ADVENTURES ELSEWHERE;

--REPORTED THAT A MOROCCAN F-5 WAS SHOT DOWN AND A
C-130 DAMAGED BY POLISARIO GUERRILLAS USING SAMS
SUPPLIED BY THE USSR.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: RISING TENSIONS WITH ALGERIA AND
THE KING'S PREOCCUPATION WITH SOVIET MACHINATIONS HAVE
OPENED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO ADVANCE US INTERESTS.
HASSAN IS ALSO OBVIOUSLY ANGLING FOR SOME F-5S.
(SECRET) RABAT 374, 1/23.

5. MRS. PERON MAY TRY A RERUN--IF SHE CAN FINISH THIS
TERM

EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTS THAT, ALTHOUGH FEW OBSERVERS
FEEL SHE CAN COMPLETE HER PRESENT TERM, EVIDENCE SUGGESTS
MRS. PERON MAY INTEND TO RUN FOR ANOTHER ONE. THIS HAS
CAUSED:

--A RESURGENCE OF COUP RUMORS; AND

--A STALLING OF THE IMPEACHMENT DRIVE, BECAUSE
OPPOSITION POLITICIANS ARE UNSURE WHETHER IT IS IN
THEIR INTEREST TO ATTEMPT TO REMOVE HER.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 443, 1/22.

6. SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED

EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS JANUARY 23 THE SPANISH HAVE AGREED
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TO ALL PENDING ISSUES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THEREBY MAKING
SIGNING JANUARY 24 A CERTAINTY. THE TEXT OF THE AGREE-
MENT WILL BE CABLED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS THE
FINAL CHECK WITH THE SPANISH VERSION IS COMPLETED.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MADRID 556, 1/23. SISCO

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